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Interpellation.

(1) the number of posts available (permanent or temporary) under each;

(2) the number of applications received;

(3) the full name, caste or nationality, educational and other qualifications of the applicants;

(4) the date of receipt of the applications; and

(5) how and when they are disposed of; and

call for a monthly or at least quarterly return being submitted to Government, without fail, so that they may be able to see the cause of the complaint at a glance and try to remove it at once to the satisfaction of the said communities?

3. III. It is widely felt that the present pay of the teachers of the Vernacular Schools, notwithstanding the minimum being raised to Rs. 12 per mensem recently, is too low. In view of this fact and considering the educational qualifications and the responsible task of teaching our young children entrusted to their hands, will the Government be pleased to further enhance their salary—not the minimum only but also in all grades up to the maximum, which, being at present Rs. 30 only, is itself very low indeed, and relieve the teachers from their present wretched condition which has been made worse by the current abnormally high prices of the necessaries of life?

Have the Government already taken, or do they propose to take, any practical steps in this direction? If so, will the Government be pleased to say what they are and when they will have effect?

Mr. S. Adam Sait.

4. I. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a detailed statement of the total number of Hindus, Christians and Mahomedans in the Public Service, drawing a salary of Rs. 10 and above, with their qualifications; also another statement showing the number of vacancies that occurred, new appointments created, the date of entertainment of the persons appointed permanently or acting, the date of confirmation, the prescribed qualifications for the posts, and the exemptions, if any, granted, during the last five years?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the measures taken by them to remove the present disabilities of the very few qualified Mahomedans in the matter of appointments and to give proper encouragement to those that are in the service?

5. II. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the various representations made by some of the Members of the Sri Mulam

Answer.

The minimum pay of these teachers having been only recently raised, Government do not now propose to raise it further. The question of an increase in the higher grades will be considered.

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

First part. Information will be called for

Second part. It will not be possible to compile any reasonably short statement giving all the varied information required by the Member. As regards the qualifications prescribed for the several posts in the Government service, the Member is referred to the Public Service Notification published on pages 1119 to 1129 of Part I of the Gazette dated the 16th September 1919.

The question is too vague to admit of a definite answer; but the Government would assure the Member that every encouragement is being given to qualified and deserving Mahomedan employees.

Financial Secretary Mr. K. George.

The increase of expenditure on "Salaries" and "Establishment" in the past few years is partly due to the reorganisations of the